

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (**Original**) Paper (10) having first and second opposing surfaces, and an elongate element (11) such that when a tearing force is applied to the elongate element (11), a removable portion (12) is separated from the rest of the paper (10) characterized in that the element (11) is a security element (11) having at least one verifiable authenticating feature, and the security element (11) is at least partially embedded with in the paper (10).

2. (**Original**) Paper (10) as claimed in claim 1 in which the removable portion (12) is the elongate element (11).

3. (**Original**) Paper (10) as claimed in claim 1 in which the removable portion (12) comprises a section of the paper (10) and the elongate element (11).

4. (**Currently amended**) Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the elongate element (11) is wholly embedded in the paper (10)

5. (**Currently amended**) Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1 to 3 ~~claim 1~~ in which the elongate element (11) is exposed at windows in the first surface of the paper (10).

6. (**Currently amended**) Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ 1 to 3 or 5 ~~claim 1~~ in which one side of the elongate element (11) is wholly exposed across the full width of the paper (10).

7. (**Currently amended**) Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 further comprising at least one line of

perforations (13) separating the removable portion (12) from the rest of the paper (10).

8. **(Currently amended)** Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of claims 3 to 7~~ claim 3 in which the removable portion (12) is an edge portion of the paper (10).

9. **(Currently amended)** Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of claims 3 to 7~~ claim 1 in which the removable portion (12) comprises a middle section of the paper (10).

10. **(Currently amended)** Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the removable portion (12) comprises legible indicia.

11. **(Original)** Paper (10) as claimed in claim 10 in which the legible indicia comprises printed information.

12. **(Original)** Paper (10) as claimed in claim 10 in which the legible indicia is formed from demetallised or metallised alphanumeric characters on the elongate element (11).

13. **(Currently amended)** Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the elongate element (11) is machine readable.

14. **(Currently amended)** Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the elongate element (11) incorporates an activatable security feature.

15. **(Currently amended)** Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which the elongate security element (11) comprises one or more of the same or different security features.

16. (**Currently amended**) Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 in which an end of the elongate element (10) is enclosed in a tab (14) projecting from an edge of the paper.

17. (**Currently amended**) Paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 15~~ claim 1 in which an end of the elongate element (11) is exposed in a cut out portion at an edge of the paper (10).

18. (**Currently amended**) A label (10) made from paper according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.

19. (**Original**) A label (10) as claimed in claim 18 further comprising an adhesive applied to at least a portion of the second surface of the paper (10), such that when the label (10) is adhered to the surface and a tearing force is applied to the elongate element (10), a removable portion (12) is separated from the rest of the label (10).

20. (**Original**) A label (10) as claimed in claim 19 in which no adhesive is applied to the second surface in the region of the removable portion of the label (10).

21. (**Original**) A label (10) as claimed in claim 19 in which a low tack adhesive is applied to the second surface of the removable portion of the label, said adhesive being of a lower tack than the adhesive applied to other parts of the second surface of the paper (10).

22. (**Currently amended**) Packaging made from paper (10) as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 17~~ claim 1.